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ROME FOR INS DIRECTOR FALCHER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS, SHUM, PINT, PERP, CZ
SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF THIRD COUNTRY PROCESSING (TCP) IN
PRAGUE

REF.: PRAGUE 2058

1. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM BEARERS
OF STATELESS PERSONS' DOCUMENTS AS REPORTED REFTEL.
MOREOVER, PRMINENT MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER 77 GROUP HAVE
MADE INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF IMMIGRATING TO
THE US.

2. CHARTER SPOKESPERSON MARTA KUBISOVA AND HER HUSBAND JAN
MORAVEL AND CHARTER SIGNERS KAREL AND HANA HAVLICEK HAVE
SPOKEN WITH PAO AND CONSUL ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF THEIR
LEAVING CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THEY, LIKE OTHER CHARTISTS, ARE
EXPERIENCING CONTINUED PRESSURE FROM REGIME TO DEPART,
ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE YET TO DECIDE WHAT COURSE OF ACTION THEY
WILL TAKE. CHARTISTS HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD EMBOFFS OF THE
DEPJSIVATION THEY ARE SUFFERING AND OF HARASSMENT DIRECTED
AGAINST THEM. APPARENTLY, THIS PRESSURE IS BEGINNING TO
RESULT, AS WE ANTICIPATED, IN GROWING INTEREST IN EMIGRATION.
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HAVLICEK TOLD CONSUL SOME 319 59 50 PERSONS ASSOCIATED
WITH CHEDTIST MOVEMENT MAY SEEK TO LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA
IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, CONSULAR OFFICERS CONTINUE
TO RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM BEARERS OF STATELESS LERSONS'
CARTES D'IDENTITE DE VOYAGE. INTERVIEWS WITH SUCH

APPLICANTS HAVE INVARIABLY REVEALED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES HAVE LED THE WOULD-BE EMIGRANT TO THINK THAT THE CARTE D'IDENTITE IS AN EMIGRATION PASSPORT AND THAT TO OBTAIN AN EMIGRATION PASSPORT ONE MUST RENOUNCE ONE'S CITIZENSHIP. COMMENT: THIS WOULD APPEAR TO VIOLATE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARTICLE 15 SECTION (2): "NO ONE SHALL BE ARBITRARILY DEPRIVED OF HIS NATIONALITY". OTHER WESTERN CONSULS HAVE NOTICED THIS PRACTICE AS WELL. THE CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES MAY BE SEEKING TO PREVENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DUAL NATIONAL PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE. UCND COMMENT.

4. SEVERAL OF THESE APPLICANTS, UPON BEING INFORMED OF THEIR INELIGIBILITY FOR U.S. IMMIGRANT VISAS (OTHER THAN NON-PREFERENCE) HAVE EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY OF THEIR SITUATION (DEPRIVATION OF EMPLOYMENT ETC.) AND COMMENTED ON INCONSISTENCY OF VISA INELIGIBILITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS CONTENT OF VOA BROADCASTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM POST WHEN A DECISION MAY BE EXPECTED ON REQUEST FOR TCP AUTHORITY SENT REFTEL SO THAT EMBASSY MAY BETTER PLAN ITS APPROACH TO PROBLEMS OF CHARTISTS AND OF STATELESS PERSONS.
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